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Re: United States Patent Application 09/349,087
MAPPING ARBITRARY SIGNALS INTO SONET
Filed: July 8, 1999

Further to our telephone conversation of April 22, 2003, please find transmitted herewith the response dated April 1, 2003, with an amended Page 8.

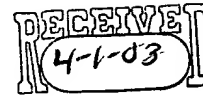
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ROBERTS, Kim B.

Serial No: 09/349,087

Art Unit: 2662

Filed: July 8, 1999

Examiner: Odland, David E.

Subject: MAPPING ARBITRARY SIGNALS INTO SONET

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir:

Response

This is in response to the office action dated November 1, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend pages 1, 3, 8 and 9.

An amended version of the amendments noted above is attached herewith as set forth in *AMENDMENTS IN A REVISED FORMAT NOW PERMITTED* as stated in the United States Patent and Trademark Office letter dated February 20, 2003

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 3 -14.

Add new claims 21-28.

An amended version of the amendments noted above is submitted herewith as set forth in *AMENDMENTS IN A REVISED FORMAT NOW PERMITTED* as stated in the United States Patent and Trademark Office letter dated February 20, 2003

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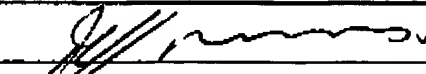
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	Group Art Unit	2662	
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Independent Claims	-3** =	X	
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102	84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
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120	320	220 180	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221 140	Request for oral hearing	
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REMARKS

Under separate cover and being filed concurrently herewith, Applicant submits a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to extend the due date for the present application by two months, namely to April 1, 2003.

Applicant has amended the Background section by amending the title to the Background section and to delete an incorrectly identified reference.

Also errors on Page 8 line 19, page 8, lines 21-24, and page 9, line 5 have been corrected.

A new set of claims 21 – 28 have been added which avoids the language alleged to be indefinite in section 2 of the Official Action. However, as argued below, the claims are definite, and the addition of these additional claims should not be construed as an admission that the rejected claims are indefinite.

Regarding Section 1 of the Office Action, we have amended claim 14 as suggested by the examiner to overcome the claim objection.

Regarding Section 2 of the Office Action, we provide the following comments.

The office action states that it is unclear what is meant by a transparent tributary. This is a known term in the art. However, we have amended the claim to delete this term, as it is not needed for patentability.

The Office Action states it is unclear what constitutes a timeslot as being valid or invalid. This is explained on page 8 of the specification. However, we have amended claim 1 by changing timeslot to location as this broadens the claim. Corresponding amendments have been made to the dependent claims.

It is submitted that this language is clear and definite, and will be understood by a person skilled in the art. In addition to amending claim 1, we have also added a new set of claims 21-28 which uses different language, and includes the limitation:
"mapping said continuous digital signal into said container signal by assigning from a